



Colville National Forest

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Colville Resource Advisory Committee Seeking Forest Improvement Projects

Colville, WA - Colville National Forest Officials are inviting individuals, non-profit organizations, and local governments to submit applications for projects that would improve Colville National Forest (CNF) lands and the economies of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens counties. There is \$390,000 projected to be available for this year's projects.

Projects must be on or benefit National Forest System Lands by enhancing forest ecosystems, restoring land health and water quality, or improving the maintenance of existing roads or facilities. Some past completed projects include culvert replacement to help fish passage, campground road maintenance to prevent erosion and forest thinning projects to reduce fire danger and improve forest health.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for local communities to come together to promote the stewardship of forest lands in the tri-county area. These projects will not only improve the health of our watersheds, but create jobs and improve the economic conditions in our local communities," said Laura Jo West, Colville National Forest Supervisor.

To submit a project application contact Franklin Pemberton, Colville Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator at (509) 684-7000 or by email at fpemberton@fs.fed.us. Potential project sponsors should contact their local Forest Service District Ranger to ensure a proposal and to ensure proper agreements and paperwork are completed that will enable the project sponsor to obtain funding if approved by the RAC. It is important to note that all project applications must be received by close of business Friday, September 12, 2012.

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“The authority of the RAC to recommend projects for funding will expire on September 30, 2012, so project applicants need to submit their projects for 2013 in a very tight timeline,” said Colville Resource Advisory Coordinator Franklin Pemberton.

Funding is made available through Title II funds under the reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Public Law 110-343) and is made available to Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens counties. Funding is based on the percentage of land in federal ownership, timber receipt payments, and per capita income. Additional information on the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/home

For more information on the Colville Resource Advisory Committee or on how to submit a project application, please contact Franklin Pemberton, Colville RAC Coordinator at (509)-684-7000.

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